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SUBJECT: ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF NPT

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1. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONTACT WITH WORKING LEVEL OF ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO GOI RATIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS TREATY AND NPT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER URGING AT THIS LEVEL FOR EARLY RATIFICATION OF THESE TWO INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE VERY SELECTIVELY EMPLOYED. THEREFORE, WITH REGARD TO IAEA VIENNA'S RECOMMENDATION (PARA 4, REFTEL A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT URGE FRG APPROACH IN ROME AND EXPRESS WILLINGNESS FOR SUPPORTIVE DEMARCHE BY USG, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING.

2. PROVIDED THAT BOTH APPROACHES ARE ARE MADE AT FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL OR HIGHER, WE AGREE THAT OUR SUPPORTING DEMARCHE COULD BE USEFUL, AND WE CONCUR IN IAEA VIENNA'S RECOMMENDATION.

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3. HOWEVER, IF THE GERMANS PREFER AN APPROACH AT A LEVEL LOWER

THAN DIRECTOR GENERAL, WE RECOMMEND FRG APPROACH WITHOUT OUR SUPPORTING DEMARCHE. OUR APPROACHES AT THE TECHNICAL (OFFICE DIRECTOR) LEVEL HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY FREQUENT TO LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT GERMAN DEMARCHE AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT ON ITS OWN. WE BELIEVE THE FOCUS OF SUCH A WORKING LEVEL APPROACH SHOULD BE KEPT ON THE NEW FACTOR, I.E., FRG RATIFICATION AND GERMAN CONCERN FOR ITALIAN NPT ACTION, RATHER THAN THE MORE FAMILIAR FACT OF US URGING AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

4. FINALLY, ARE THERE PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN ADVANCED WHY ITALIANS SHOULD SEEK TO ACCELERATE NPT RATIFICATION PROCESS? ADDITIONAL MUSCLE COULD BE USEFUL. WE WONDER WHETHER, AS REPORTED REFTEL (C), ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING CORRECT THAT RATIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT REMOVES PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF NPT ARTICLE III IN FURTHER DELIVERIES OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS TO ITALY. WE GATHER THAT THIS QUESTION, AMONG OTHERS, IS RAISED BY DIRECTOR LEGAL DIVISION OTSUKA'S QUERY (PARA 2 REFTEL A). VOLPE

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